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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

13 February 1964

@Hartwig and [ ]  
Bruecke dinner and movie with wives

1. Hartwig made no mention of travelling to London. He talked of visiting some of the Dienststellen in the Cologne area.
  2. Hartwig, emphasizing that it was unofficial, said that @Dessau is the choice for Washington. He has already discussed the matter with him. Hartwig noted that many years ago UTILITY had promised Dessau that he would get a Washington assignment. Hartwig observed that we all know Heinz is a difficult person, that he sticks his nose where it does not belong, tries to impress people, etc., and he hoped that Heinz would not get into politics in Washington. Hartwig said that the real problem about the assignment is how Heinz will conduct himself in the Embassy. This worries UTILITY. When I asked if I could discuss the Washington assignment with Dessau, Hartwig requested that I not. I expressed the thought that Dessau's wife might be a little unhappy about going to Washington just when Sybille is coming from Australia for two and a half years. Hartwig agreed but said that this was Dessau's last chance. I assumed that Gaby and Baerbel would not go along. Hartwig confirmed this but said that it was possible that the interpreter (Baerbel?) might be assigned to Washington as a secretary next year. He did not want to indicate officially yet to Dessau but he intends to consider it.
  3. I said that obviously Heinz would be accepted if nominated, that I knew of no security reasons why he should not, etc. I said absolutely nothing about Heinz being unacceptable or anything of the sort. I did note that obviously the ideal candidate would be an up and coming Auswertung officer of the @Roehl type who could spend a couple of years with our KUCHAP. Hartwig agreed wholeheartedly and said that there are no such people. For example, someone is always saying that they need someone "like @Fleming" and Hartwig has to point out that there is only one Fleming.
  4. Hartwig said that @Kuehne must get back about 1 June and that this is imperative. He will be more than a Chief of Staff in the Auswertung. He will actually run it. Hartwig pointed out that @Degenhardt has really two shops - the Auswertung and the psych warfare section under @Goslar (I believe this is the section formerly headed by @Wiersen, Fleming's father, prior to his death.) Anyway the plan is that Degenhardt will sit back as the chief of both outfits but all the real work will be done by Kuehne and Goslar.
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5. Hartwig again made clear that he hopes to get to Washington to discuss personnel matters and he noted that he had not been there since 1958. He thought spring of 1965 would be a good time to go. I replied that I believed he would be welcome at any time that UTILITY chose to send him.

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6. I mentioned to Hartwig the economy pressure that we are under and that for example I had to stop the C 7 program for next year. Hartwig said that CATIDE had taken a substantial cut also. I think he said five million DM but am not sure.

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